







## THE HICKMAN COURIER.

**Convicts for Road Work.** Our roads in this section are all, with a few exceptions, common earth highways, quagmires in winter and mud-wallows in summer, to grieve by rains in the summer. They could be materially improved by a judicious system of working out roads, and, when completed, they must be drained, gravelled or macadamized to convert them into really good roads. The roads are now in a deplorable state, the present roads and slovenly method of working, but it could be effected under a thoroughly organized system, with a judicious system under the direction of skilled and experienced road-masters. Such a system would be of great benefit to the prisoners would avoid the trouble of bringing cheap convict labor in competition with honest working men. The roads could not be had in the hands of the prisoners. Convalescents desiring to improve their roads could make a request to the Board of Works for a gang of prisoners to be fed at the county's expense and worked under its own road-masters. In this way the roads would be put in a few years the State would have a system of roads improving to a greater extent than could be done.

### Soon After the Election.

**The 35,000 votes cast for Judge Fox, the proslavery candidate for Governor, will probably be sufficient to give the proslavery party the election. It is to be hoped that the people entirely free of party embarrassments—as a cold bare issue—will it succeed, and not till then.**

The scarcity of one and two dollar notes is due to the fact that the United States treasury has suspended the printing of those denominations. The State of Kentucky has issued a few thousand dollars in small notes, but they have been paid out by the treasury. In lieu of them the treasurer is paying out silver dollars and fractional currency. But how to account for the scarcity of silver dollars, is now the question.

The embargoes, confiscations and robberies in the Federal offices at New Orleans since the close of the war foot up something over one million five hundred thousand dollars? It should be remembered, however, that the cash in the Treasury balances to a cent.

The Covington Commonwealth has discovered in the latest American's report that six-tenths more than one-half of the whole number in the State, return each more votes than there are men over twenty-one years old in the State. This shows something radically wrong, for it may be seen that such a thing is an impossibility.

The National Sportman's Convention convenes at St. Louis Sept. 29th, 1885, the object of which is to secure the adoption of a bill to have the laws of the United States, and see that they are properly enforced. A grand program has been arranged for the entertainment of visitors from different clubs.

A Law and order club has been organized in Covington. It is composed of good citizens, and they pledge their best efforts in bringing the law into the State. The Court is in session, but is unable to do any effective work. The grand jury has found nine indictments of visitors from different clubs.

The latest swindle discovered is that of the split note. A split bank note is taken and by some ingenious method the note is split into two parts, "doctored up," and each half is passed off as a genuine \$20 note.

Spain is in a state because Germany has taken possession of the Caroline islands, claimed under a protectorate by Spain. The Spanish are holding meetings and sending delegations to the United States, and are in all respects very beligerent.

### TRY IT.

From Cincinnati Democrat: "A RAID was made on the keno banks in Louisville Thursday night and the promoters of the games paid the price. The funds taken were all taken to police headquarters. The warrants were sworn out at the instance of the Law and Order Club."

There is a boy in Clark County, a son of an old who stands six feet and a half in his shoes. If he continues to grow until he arrives at manhood, he will make a good soldier and save the use of a step ladder.

The New York Sun says the project to build a national monument to General Grant in New York will fail. People outside of New York City will not contribute for the purpose.

In Ohio, the good authority to the look out in the iron trade has not been more favorable for a number of years than at present. Signs of improvement are coming to the surface every day.

MONROE agents have succeeded in concluding arrangements with the State of Ohio to purchase five tracts of land in Chillicothe and Seneca, which will soon be occupied by the latter day saints.

The same fight will be had in Ohio that was made two years ago—that is, Hoadley against Fonner.

### THE GOOD BEING ACCOMPLISHED.

Abuses That Have Been Corrected.

From Chase's Report.

The new broad is proverbial a clean sweep, and this is as true in a place as in any other where human activity is at its greatest. The abuses of power are not desirable for any party, for abuses will grow up under the best of them which will be hard to correct.

While the assertions of friends are to the contrary, for the workmen have not their advocates, the record is not so good.

There have been published many reports about the condition of the new broads, but the record has not been verified enough to have been discredited.

We have drawn a little less than \$100,000 in bonds, and the contractors are to be held responsible for the amount to the State, on account of the amount of work done.

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